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The Careful young man
puts his money in the Bank
and some day
becomes
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BIG MEN, RICH MEN, BUSY MEN, ARE ALL LOOKING
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WHO GETS THE JOB AND THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO
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DECATUR - TEXAS

Saturday Night Dance in Country Ends With Fight

Free for All Conflict Breaks
Up Big Frolic--No One
Dangerously Hurt

At an old-time dance, held Saturday night south of town, a free-for-all fight was staged. A pistol, one quart bottle of alcohol, a knife and many fists played prominent parts, stated Deputy Sheriff Preskitt who was called to the scene. Deputy Preskitt was informed that Charley Howser and George Brazil engaged in a fist fight, the trouble arising about some girl in the neighborhood. Howser knocked Brazil down and was pummeling him, when Brazil drew his knife and slashed Howser in the face and legs. Howser yelled that Brazil was cutting him, when a Mr. Campbell interfered to stop the fight. When Campbell took hold of Howser to pull him off Brazil, a Mr. Leggett, thinking Campbell was "taking side" with Brazil, came up and engaged Campbell in a fight. Campbell hit Leggett in the head with a quart bottle filled with alcohol. The blow shattered the bottle and made an ugly gash in Leggett's head. Leggett, as he reeled against a tree, opened fire at Campbell with a pistol, firing three shots. Campbell ran into the brush. He was not hit.

Local Boy Is Clever Rifleman

By hitting the bull's-eye with unerring skill from the standing, kneeling and sitting position, Henry B. Maddux of Decatur has qualified as an expert rifleman in the United States Marine corps, winning the medal of an expert and an increase of pay, according to an official bulletin from Washington.

This keen-eyed young man received his first instruction in gunnery at the Marine training station at Port Royal, S. C. When but little more than a novice, he made an excellent score at "slow and rapid" fire. He is now stationed at Norfolk, Va., where he is awaiting orders for duty on a battleship or service abroad.

Henry, who is a son of Mrs. Ollie Maddux of Decatur, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its Fort Worth recruiting station on Oct. 26, last. He is now at home in Decatur on an unlimited furlough, on account of the ill health of his mother.

Mother in Splendid Health, Reported Ill

The following appeared in Monday's issue of the Fort Worth Record:

"Efforts to locate Walter Clifton Vastine, either in Kansas City or Chicago, had, up to a late hour Monday night, been unsuccessful, while his mother, Mrs. Jennie Vastine of Bowie, who is ill, continued to become lower and hope for her recovery was said to be slight. Vastine, clothing merchant, whose place of business is at 409 Main street, left Fort Worth Thursday for northern markets, intending to divide his time between Kansas City and Chicago. Sunday an urgent message came from Bowie relative to the condition of his mother's health and requesting that he come at once. Since that time his wife has been trying to locate him by long distance telephone and by telegraph."

Upon receipt of the above information, Decatur friends of Mrs. Jennie Vastine phoned to Bowie, asking about her condition. The reply came that the good lady had not been dangerously ill, and at that time was enjoying good health.

Clements Shoots at Two Visitors at Crib

Tuesday night two men were seen to come out of the corn crib on the Clements' farm, eight miles north of town. Tom Clements, Jr., saw the men and, taking his pistol, went out to investigate. As he approached the

Watts Sues on Contract

The case of John W. Watts vs. Judge J. W. Walker, alleging a breach of contract, was tried Wednesday afternoon in Esquire Johnson's court. The suit was to recover \$100, which Mr. Watts claimed would have been his profit had the contract been carried out on the part of Judge Walker. County Attorney Burch represented the judge and Attorney Shults represented Mr. Watts. The plaintiff stated that he contracted with Judge Walker to kalsomine the interior of the courthouse for \$210; that the judge told him that he (the judge) had the authority to make the contract; that he wanted the work started immediately and finished before the commissioners court convened. A delay in starting the work was occasioned by the material failing to arrive. Mr. Watts said he made all arrangements to carry out the contract upon arrival of the material. Scaffolding was built, special brushes were bought and money to pay the workmen had been borrowed at a local bank. Several witnesses followed Mr. Watts on the stand. Two of them had been employed by Mr. Watts to assist in the work. Others testified they had heard that the contract had been awarded to Mr. Watts.

Judge Walker was called to take the stand. He admitted making the contract with Mr. Watts, but it was made subject to the approval of the commissioners' court; that he had no authority to make such contracts without the court's approval. He said the commissioners refused to ratify the contract, and the work was not done.

All the commissioners, except Mr. Tibbets, were present. At one stage of the proceedings, while Mr. Watts was on the stand, the witness was stopped from relating what he had heard concerning an overdraft in Mr. Tibbet's road and bridge fund. This testimony was held irrelevant and was promptly ruled out by Squire Johnson. Commissioners Splawn, Slover and Blackwell stated they had not authorized Judge Walker to make a contract, and that the contract with Mr. Watts had been revoked.

The jury disagreed, four standing for a verdict favoring Mr. Watts and two, Messrs. Lev Sellars and Chas. Bradford, favoring no damages.

The jury was composed of Messrs. Bradford, Sellars, Belew, Stokes, Porter and Donald.

Revival Meeting at Baptist Church

Pastor Harlan J. Matthews, assisted by Dr. L. C. Wolfe of Muskogee, Okla., will begin a series of revival services at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning, March 18, at 11 o'clock. Services will be held daily at the college at the chapel hour, and the church at 10 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. All christian people are asked to co-operate with us and all our friends are invited to attend. Dr. Wolfe is an able and eloquent preacher and his sermons will be both entertaining and inspiring. A cordial invitation is extended also the singers in town to assist in the music. All our services were largely attended last Sunday. There were two hundred and forty-one in Sunday school and four additions to the church at the night service. The music was especially good both morning and evening. You are invited to all the services.

men he asked them their business. They refused to answer the challenge and started to run. As they were leaving the lot young Clements shot at them. One of them turned and fired at Clements, the bullet passing through his hat brim. As the men ran out the lot gate, Clements shot again, and he says he is certain he hit one of them. The neighborhood was alarmed and a search was instituted, but no traces of the strangers could be found. Officers at Decatur and Greenwood were notified and a search is now on.

little house-maid says
it is hard to take an interest
in cleaning house with all
those old things



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BOYD.

Miss Belfa Redford of Decatur Baptist college, visited her parents and other relatives here.

Dr. P. C. Funk and M. P. Mask of Bridgeport, were here on business last week.

Mrs. C. E. McGaw of Fort Worth, visited relatives and friends here last week.

V. D. Daniels, who had been helper at our station at our station for several months, left several days since to try for a more remunerative position elsewhere, the vacancy caused by his leaving being filled by Jas. Scivrat of Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bradford of Bridgeport, visited relatives and friends here latter part of last week.

S. D. McCluney, M. S. Frazee and W. P. Cook of Boyd Masonic lodge, visited Bridgeport Saturday night to assist in conferring degrees.

Mrs. A. Landers, who was called here by the death of her little grandson, Warner Ratliff, left Sunday on her return to her home at Oklahoma City.

Hugo Kendrick returned Wednesday of last week from a visit of several days to his wife and other relatives at Marlow, Okla., leaving again Saturday for another visit with them.

Fresh Karnation Kream bread at E. P. Cook's Clean Cash Grocery.

Rev. Holcomb of Fort Worth, a Primitive Baptist, preached at the Boyd Baptist church Sunday at 11 to a small congregation.

The Methodist church was filled Sunday night to hear Prof. Holtzclaw of Fort Worth sing, but the gentleman failed to appear. Local leaders led in singing and all enjoyed the occasion.

Constable E. T. Locke of Paradise, was here Sunday, having been to Opal to investigate a disturbance that took place at a dance held in that community Saturday night, when several participants engaged in a free-for-all fight. Luckily no one was seriously hurt.

J. O. Pratt of Dallas, was here Sunday prospecting.

Mrs. W. J. Hamilton and children, while moving their place of abode from Waxahatchie to Lawton, Okla., stopped off here for a few days' visit to S. D. McCluney and family.

J. A. Wren spent Saturday and Sunday at Fort Worth with his sons, G. A. and J. E.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Reed and Mrs. Mattie Crouch of Hale Center, visited J. W. Harkins and other relatives in the "Heavy End" latter part of last week.

C. E. Henderson and daughter, Miss Geneva, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wren visited relatives at Fort Worth Sunday.

C. M. Cook and daughter, Miss Nell, visited W. M. Cook and family at Fort Worth Sunday, being accompanied on their return by little Miss Myrtle Cook, who will visit her grandmother for several days.

For the stomach ache try a 10c stomach cake. Always fresh. Sold at E. P. Cook's Cash Grocery.

The fat stock at Fort Worth is attracting many from this place this week.

D. F. Moore and family, visited at Cleburne.

Mrs. Amanda Wilkinson visited the family of her son, Will, at New York Sunday.

Miss Monnie DeArman of Newark, visited relatives here for several days.

Edgar Young and family of Decatur, visited Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Arrington here Sunday.

T. D. Woody of Snyder, Okla., J. J. Woody of Fort, Ben A. Boyd of California, and Charley Myers of Decatur, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bellah and Mr. and Mrs. Odus Bailey visited J. T. Gardenhire and family here Sunday.

About 200 bushels of good sound corn for sale at \$1.00 per bushel. Mrs. Levi Portwood, Boyd, Texas.

An election for school trustees for Boyd school district No. 48 will be held Saturday, April 7. This is one of them most important elections we ever have had and more interest should be manifested in it than all others. Let us wake up and select trustees that will try and give us a better school! It is deplorable that a community like Boyd cannot have a better school than we have been having of late years. There is but one way we can think of to better conditions and that is to select trustees that will put the school's business on a conservative business basis the same as other callings. Come to the polls on April 7 and do your duty.

W. N. McDonald, who several weeks since purchased the J. E. Neel stock, is this week packing the remnant of stock preparatory to moving it to Azle to consolidate with another stock he has there.

Word received here first of the week contains the information that Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Kendrick of this place who have been visiting relatives at Marlow, Okla., are the proud parents of a sweet baby girl.

Card of Thanks
I wish to thank all who in any manner assisted or offered sympathy in my recent bereavement caused by the death of my darling baby boy, Warner. May God's richest blessings be your portion.—Chas. E. Ratliff.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT
Whereas, it has pleased God in his infinite wisdom, on the 6th day of March, 1917, to remove from earth to Heaven the spirit of Warner, four-year-old son of Bro. C. F. Ratliff, Noble Grand of Boyd I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 631, Boyd, Texas;

Resolved, first, that we bow submission to God's will and try to emulate his example, so that eventually we may meet Warner on the shores of sweet deliverance;

Second, that we furnish the bereft brother with a copy of these resolutions, record a copy on the minutes of our lodge, and send copies to the Bridgeport Index and Wise County Messenger for publication.

F. W. Lyle,
J. D. Walton,
J. E. Simmons,
Committee.

Irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bedtime. You will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes you feel fit for the day's work. C. B. Gunn Special Agent.

ALVORD

March 13.—Mrs. G. A. Shankle is visiting her daughter in Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ches Percell of Burkburnett spent a few days here last week.

Miss Vesta Covington returned Saturday from a visit at Wichita Falls and Burkburnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Covington were here from Wichita Sunday.

Mrs. Elmo Polson is at home from Dallas where she underwent a serious operation.

Miss Bertie Sparkman is spending the week in Fort Worth.

Miss Bessie Parish came from Fort Worth last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Geo. Henderson, who has been very sick for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Smith have moved from Pilot Point to Alvord.

Miss Velma Graham spent several days in Sunset last week.

Mrs. Wiley Finley is visiting her father at Crowell.

Jim B. Thomas went to Wichita Falls Monday to get his part of the stolen dry goods located at that place.

Rev. Will Loney and wife visited here last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Groves Malone on the 8th a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Putman a son.

Mrs. Sneed of Rockwall, was guest of Mrs. Dr. Walker.

Mr. S. J. McMillan were in Alvord last week.

Rev. W. C. McClung is holding a series of meetings at the Baptist church.

John Wright was called to Clay county on account of the sickness of his niece.

Miss Nell Farrar was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Edgar Noel has opened a new garage in Alvord.

Miss Ella Pope has been visiting in Dallas.

Mrs. Payne is visiting her daughter in Dallas.

Buy a Maxwell car, the best car for the price on the market. Sold by Hollabaugh Motor Co.

Mother Was Safe.

The minister had to leave home on a long preaching tour. Just before leaving he called his family around him to say good-by. When he came to Bobby, he said:

"Old man, I want you to be a good boy and take care of your mother."

Bobby promised. All day long he looked preternaturally grave under the heavy responsibility thus suddenly assumed. When night came and he was called to his prayers, the young guardian said:

"O Lord, bless father, and Brother Tom, and Sister Alice, and Aunt May, and the little Jones boys, and me, but you needn't trouble about mother, for I am going to look after her."

IMPORTANT IN MANY WAYS

Farm Kitchen an Institution to Which Too Much Thought and Care Cannot Be Devoted.

The kitchen is the most important institution on the farm. Some folks will disagree with that statement just after meal time or in winter when they are fat and lazy. But make the same suggestion about eleven o'clock or in mid-afternoon of a summer harvest day and the resolution will carry without a dissenting voice. Now doesn't it seem that the most important farm institution should be efficient? Miss Carrie L. Pancoast, in Extension Circular 12 of the University of Missouri, Agricultural Extension Service, says: "The farm kitchen is the farm woman's most important workshop and in many ways the chief room of the house. Its equipment and arrangement may easily make the difference between a tired, over-worked, worn-out housewife, and one who has some time and energy left for recreation after the day's work is done." This circular has just come from the press and contains a general discussion of the efficiency of the kitchen. It also contains plans and suggestions for arrangement and equipment of the kitchen. It is illustrated with pictures and drawings of some Missouri farm kitchens which have proved successful. Copies of this circular may be had on application to the College of Agriculture, Columbia, Missouri.

Too frequently the kitchen is arranged without regard to the rest of the house or proper location. Too frequently, also, the farm woman must perform her work in the kitchen with tools and implements which were used by her grandmother while her husband provides the latest farm machinery for performing his work. He could not be induced to use the cradle or the flail in wheat production, or to prepare his land with the wooden mold-board plow and the brush harrow. Why then should the farm woman have to contend with an antiquated kitchen or with antiquated equipment.

Farmers who are planning to build or remodel their kitchens would do well to apply for this circular.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

All our wants, beyond those which a very moderate income can supply, are purely imaginary.

Let us take care that in straining after what is desirable we do not lose what is vital and essential; that in grasping what we should like to have we do not slip down into the bog.

Few things show the true nature of a man more than his humor. The finest humor always comes from the finest spirit.

We all need to be more careful to show and express our appreciation in our daily lives for the many kindnesses which are shown us, and thereby radiate a circle of domestic happiness.

The Swindler.



The swindler murmured I am no Philanthropist, it's true; And yet I'm always looking for The good things I can do!

Laugh Is on the People.

The Tokyo station is architecturally a joke and practically a failure, but it is a most imposing pile nevertheless. It must be a quarter of a mile in length. Incoming passengers enter at one end and outgoing travelers leave at the other, but if they want to go from one end of the station to the other they have to go out and around, for the center is reserved for the emperor.—The Christian Herald.

White Coat.

A white coat may be cleaned by brushing the following mixture well into the cloth the way of the nap: Mix some powdered pipe clay and whiting, some fullers' earth, and a little stone-blue dissolved in vinegar, in sufficient quantities to form the whole into a paste; rub into the coat and leave it to dry on. When the coat is quite dry, rub it well, beat it to get the dust out, and then brush.

Financial Report of Decatur High School

Bal. on hand 8-13-1916 \$ 583.61
Collected from state, 1916-17..... 3012.90
Collected from city, 1916-17..... 3190.94
Collected from tuitions " " " 163.60
Collected from transfers " " " 611.20

Total..... \$7561.35

Paid out..... \$5159.44

Balance on hand..... 2401.91

Total..... \$7561.35

Due from the state..... \$ 502.00

Due in collectable tuitions..... 300.00

Balance on hand..... 2401.91

Making total money in sight \$3203.91

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. HOYL.

"They treated me so handsomely at the farewell banquet last night," said Mr. Barnes Torner, "that I assured them I would come back very soon."

"Yes," said Mr. Peppery, "so Critchik told me. But he said otherwise the affair was very pleasant."—Stray Stories

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, and County of Wise—
To Mrs. Ethel Leeds, her heirs, assigns, executors and administrators, and whose residences are unknown, all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in the lands or lots hereinafter described, the same being delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Wise, for taxes, and the same lying and being situated in the county of Wise, and state of Texas, to-wit: Block No. 49, Procter subdivision to Decatur, Texas, which said property is delinquent to the state of Texas and county of Wise, for taxes for the years of 1904, 1905, 1906, aggregating the sum of \$4.11, including interest, penalties and costs, said taxes having been legally levied, assessed and rendered against said land and lots, and the same being a lawful charge and constituting a prior lien against the same in favor of the state of Texas and county of Wise, to secure the payment thereof; and you are hereby commanded to be and appear before the honorable district court of Wise county, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the courthouse of said county, in the city of Decatur, on the fourth Monday in May, 1917, the same being the 25th day of May, 1917, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered against you and the said land and lots sold under foreclosure of said lien to satisfy said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, and all court costs; all of which, together with other and further relief, general and special, being fully set out and prayed for in the plaintiff's original petition filed in said court on the 2nd day of March, 1917, and appearing on the docket thereof as suit No. 1218 wherein the state of Texas is plaintiff, and Mrs. Ethel Leeds, her heirs, assigns, executors, administrators and all persons owning or having or claiming any interest in said land or lots, defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in the city of Decatur, in the county of Wise, this 7th day of March, 1917. W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk District Court, Wise County, Texas. (4-6)

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by a disordered stomach. Prove it for yourself by taking Prickly Ash Bitters; if the stomach is at fault the heart symptoms will quickly disappear. C. B. Gunn, Special Agent.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Chico State Bank

CHICO, TEXAS.

At the close of business, Mar. 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts..... \$12,349.75

Overdrafts..... 41.29

Real estate (banking house)..... 1,230.00

Furniture and fixtures..... 1,635.00

Due from approved reserve agents, net..... 65,513.03

Cash items..... 189.36

Currency..... 5,672.06

Specie..... 2,391.68

Interest in Depositors

Guaranty Fund..... 1,342.06

Other resources as follows:

Assessment for Guaranty Fund..... 63.30

TOTAL..... \$120,658.27

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in..... \$15,000.00

Surplus fund..... 4,080.00

Undivided profits, net..... 1,653.61

Individual deposits subject to check..... 94,105.59

Time certificates of deposit..... 4,000.00

Cashier's checks..... 1,219.17

TOTAL..... \$120,658.27

State of Texas, County of Wise.—

We, T. S. McCurdy, as president and V. B. Baldridge, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—T. S. McCurdy, President; V. B. Baldridge, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed before me, on this 14th day of Mar., 1917.

Frank W. Roberts, Notary Public. Correct Attest: J. A. McKinzie, T. S. Stephens, B. O. Wilkerson, Directors.

Keep the bowels active and the digestion good if you want to enjoy health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters whenever such disorders appear will keep you on the right road. C. B. Gunn, Special Agent.

Dr. J. V. Prunty,

DENTIST

Parlors over Beilah & Son,

Citation by Publication

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon E. H. Beck and the unknown heirs of E. H. Beck by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in Decatur, on the 4th Monday in May, 1917, the same being the 25th day of May, 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of March, 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 4098, wherein Andrew B. Morris is plaintiff and E. H. Beck and his unknown heirs defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described land situated in Wise county, Texas, to-wit: Part of a Robinson survey beginning at the southwest corner of the W. H. Fitzgerald tract and the same being the common corner of the O. H. P. Reed and W. H. Fitzgerald tracts; thence north 60 1/2-10 feet to corner; thence east with line of said Fitzgerald tract and the west line of the town of Paradise 882 3-10 feet; thence south 394 feet to corner; thence west 422 2-10 feet to corner; thence south 210 3-10 feet to corner; thence west 460 feet to place of beginning containing 10 acres of land.

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. B. Fullingim by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in Decatur, on the 4th Monday in May, 1917, the same being the 25th day of May, 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of March, 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 4097, wherein M. V. Browder is plaintiff, and H. B. Fullingim is defendant, and: on the following described land situated in Wise county, to-wit: Part of the A. B. Fullingim survey, beginning at the northwest corner of the original survey, thence south with the west boundary line of the original survey 138 varas to corner, thence south about 30, east with public road about 320 varas to a point on the south boundary line of the original survey, thence east with the south boundary line of said survey 390 varas to the original southeast corner of the original survey, thence north with the east boundary line of the original survey 1380 varas to a point on the south boundary line of the Julian Devereaux survey, thence west with the original south boundary line of Devereaux survey 180 varas to the southwest corner of said survey, thence north with the west boundary line of the said Devereaux survey 550 varas to the most northern northeast corner of the said original A. B. Fullingim survey, thence west with the north boundary line of the said Fullingim survey 400 varas to the place of beginning containing 157 acres of land.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, W. V. Cunningham, Clerk of the District Court of Wise County. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur this 12th day of March 1917. W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk District Court, Wise County. (5-4)

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The Best Test
Is the Test of Time

Years ago this Decatur resident told of good results from using Doan's Kidney Pills. Now T. J. McConnell, blacksmith, of Trinity St., confirms the former statement—says here has been no return of the trouble. Can Decatur people ask for more convincing testimony? Mr. McConnell says: "I was hurt while riding on a horse and it seemed to affect my kidneys. I went to a druggist and asked for a good medicine for this trouble, as my back was very painful. I was told to try Doan's Kidney Pills and they certainly did me a lot of good. Two boxes cured me." (Statement given December 18, 1911.)

The Cure Lasted
On May 13, 1915, Mr. McConnell said: "I still recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for the cure they made has lasted."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same kind that Mr. McConnell has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Use SCOTT'S
Refuse Substitutes

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. Y.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL

usually stops a stubborn cough or chest cold when ordinary specifics fail.

It helps strengthen the lungs and throat—adds energy to the blood—and gives the system the force to help resist disease.

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D. H. Payne

DENTIST

Office on second floor of the Greff house building, S. W. Cor. S. C.

A Messenger classified d will sell that second-hand article.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Paradise State Bank

PARADISE, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, Mar. 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts..... \$ 38,551.59

Overdrafts..... 95

Real estate (banking house)..... 3,500.00

Furniture and fixtures..... 1,000.00

Due from approved reserve agents, net..... 28,376.89

Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net..... 1,236.16

Cash items..... 1,275.30

Currency..... 3,487.00

Specie..... 1,507.50

Int. in depositors' guaranty fund..... 471.37

Other resources..... 1.80

Assessment in g'ty fund..... 1.80

Total..... \$ 79,408.47

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in..... \$ 10,000.00

Surplus fund..... 5,000.00

Undivided profits, net..... 1,535.07

Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net..... 17.36

Individual deposits subject to check..... 62,309.94

Time certificates of deposit..... 285.00

Cashier's checks..... 261.10



DR. L. C. WOLFE, Evangelist

You are invited to attend the REVIVAL SERVICES at The First Baptist Church Beginning March 18

Services 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Spirited Singing - - Gospel Preaching

COME ON TIME!

This advertisement courtesy of Wise County Messenger

Co. School Contests To Be Held Here

The Wise County Interscholastic League contest will be held at D. B. C. Decatur March 31. Contests will be held in debate for boys and girls, tennis double for boys, spelling for boys and girls, junior and senior declamation for boys, junior and senior declamation for girls, essay writing, basketball, baseball and track and field events. The country winners winners will be sent to Fort Worth to enter the district contest. The rules as laid down by the university Inter-scholastic league will be rigidly enforced. Any public school in Wise county will be allowed to enter this contest. Those who have not paid their entrance will be allowed to yet. All schools who can conveniently do so are urged to enter this contest. It seems that no school has made any special preparations for the contest, but we should take the best material in school and try. Most of the counties in Texas are getting a great deal out of this league and we should not lag behind. Those desiring to enter the contest should communicate with some of the following officers: L. C. Edwards, Chairman, Park Springs; W. R. Bradford, Athletics, Bridgeport; Brandon Trussell, Spelling, Decatur; M. C. Counts, Debate and Declamation, Crafton; Miss Nell Farrow, Essay Writing, Alvord.

Will Helm Is Better After an Operation

W. A. Helm, dangerously ill, was taken to Fort Worth Monday morning where he underwent an operation at the Johnsons sanitarium for a serious stomach trouble. The hundreds of friends of this man will be glad to learn that the operation was successful and hopes for a speedy recovery are entertained. He was taken suddenly ill one night last week and grew worse rapidly, when he was taken to the sanitarium it was feared that he would not recover. Hundreds of friends, upon learning of his illness called at the home. Decatur could ill afford to lose such men as Will Helm and it is with genuine pleasure that we announce his recovery.

If you're in doubt about results of advertising, ask a Messenger patron.

Grady New Suffers Badly Broken Leg

Grady New, living west of town, sustained a very bad break of the left leg last Monday while plowing at his home. He was driving a young team of mules to a riding plow when the team became frightened. When the mules began running, Grady's left leg became entangled in the lines and he was dragged for some distance before he could extricate himself. Both bones of the leg were broken and the skin was penetrated by the jagged ends of the bones. Physicians were called immediately, and they report it one of the worst breaks they had ever seen. Grady was resting easily yesterday, and the wound seemed to be doing nicely.

Joseph Stuart Gets Deserved Promotion

Joe Stuart left Tuesday for Fort Worth to accept a position with the Adams express Co. Joe will run with the express messenger on the Denver road. "Irish" has made good as driver for the Adams Co. here. Through his good nature, accommodating manner and constant A1 service, he has made himself greatly liked by the business men of the city, and Decatur people are glad of his promotion. Messenger confidently expects Joe to keep advancing with his company. Elmore Brady, Jr. has taken the position as driver for the local express company.

Dr. Carpenter's Car Stolen in Ft. Worth

Dr. Carpenter's new Chevrolet car was stolen in Fort Worth last Wednesday night. The car was left in front of the Majestic theatre, and about ten minutes after entering the theatre, Dr. Carpenter went back to the entrance to find his car missing. Thursday morning, however, the doctor was notified by telephone by Fort Worth officers the car had been returned.

Carey Batdorff and wife, Mrs. Dave Kisner, and J. G. Province will leave Sunday morning to attend the Grand lodge of I. O. O. F. and Rebecca assembly which it to be held in Dallas.

SPRING OPENING



AT LILLARD'S MISSISSIPPI STORE

Friday-Saturday, Mar. 16-17

A Correct Showing in Millinery... a varied assortment of Fetching SPRING HATS. All the Latest Spring Novelty Features. Hats for dress, street and outing. Our moderate prices will appeal to you. Come and see

Sport Hats from . . \$1.50 to \$5.00
Street Hats from . \$2.50 to \$10.00
Dress Hats from . \$2.50 to \$15.00
Children's Hats from \$1.00 to \$3.50

Renew for the Messenger in advance while it is only \$1.

WEALTH FOR GOLDEN STATE

Moving Picture Concerns Said to Be Bringing Flood of Gold to California.

Millions of dollars go into southern California coffers yearly and an army of busy people finds employment because this is the world capital of motion pictures, says the Los Angeles Times.

It is conservatively estimated that 15,000 people secure employment during the course of a year at the local studios. At times forces of more than 1,000 persons are employed on a single picture. From \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 a year is the estimate that has been placed on the total expenditures that result from the various ramifications of the film industry in this locality. At present there are 39 producing companies operating here. The motion picture industry has developed to such large proportions that even people right in touch with the work scarcely realize its vast importance to Los Angeles. More than 100 companies of actresses and actors are working before the camera every day here. More than 1,000 miles of negative films are produced in the year, and from this is printed not less than 40,000 miles of finished motion pictures that go out to the thousands of show houses of the world and spread the glories of southern California. All this has been the development of the past six years.

BADGES OF RANK DANGEROUS.

One of the earliest lessons of the war was that of the danger to officers in allowing them to wear badges of their rank, gold cord around their coat sleeves, gold decorations on their headgear, etc., which marked them out to the enemy's picked shots and resulted in unnecessary and avoidable losses among them. This lesson was learned, and now it has become so difficult at the front to identify an officer that a failure to salute is overlooked on this ground.

There seems, however, a chance that this danger is being revived by the regulations making the wearing of chevrons obligatory. These chevrons are in the form of an inverted "V" and are worn on the right arm, between the elbow and shoulder to denote that the wearer has been wounded, and on the left to show the length of time he has been at the front, one showing one year of active service, two for eighteen months. They are worn in all sorts of material and colors, officers wearing them in gold and silver. When worn on leave or during convalescence, their visibility is a good point, but at the front they draw upon their wearers the same danger that badges of rank formerly did.—Paris Dispatch.

HIS FIRST BIG GAME.

That he feels like a real sportsman is the confession of a Marceline man, a member of the local gun club, who has just paid his part of the damage for the loss of a farmer's bull. The gun club organized last fall and had dug a sink hole as a shooting ground near Yellow Creek. The other day a fine bull lost his life in the sink-hole, and the owner of the animal immediately put in a bill for damages. "It is the first big game I ever helped kill," adds the Marceline sportsman.—Kansas City Times.

LANDLORD'S TROUBLES.

"The proprietor of a summer hotel has all kinds of petty vexations to contend with."

"No doubt."

"A hotel proprietor of my acquaintance recently lost the hermit he has employed for years to live in a nearby cave as an attraction for tourists and is having the deuce of a time getting anybody to take the job."

SOME BEAUTY.

"Is she pretty?"

"I should say so. She's even good to look at when she's eating corn on the cob."—Detroit Free Press.

DIFFERENT LINE.

"And do you make hay while the sun shines?"

"No; I manufacture freckle lotion."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE CAUSE.

"I hear our friend is in badly broken spirits."

"Yes. He fell into a brand-new case of imported beer."

10 Farmers and Stockmen of Wise County

We are of the opinion that we have a plan whereby you may be able to have the services of competent veterinary surgeons for a period of one year for almost nothing.

We have gotten up a little card whereby we contract and agree to treat your stock, whether one call or twenty, for the small sum of \$1.00 per year for each ten head, not counting hogs, pigs, dogs, cats, sheep and goats. In other words to make it clear, we will treat hogs, sheep, goats, dogs and cats free, if you have one or more cards.

This plan has been used many years in medical treatment of persons by large concerns and has proven a success. Remember, that this includes castration by the latest and approved methods, and also dentistry and surgery and scientific treatment of all diseases. We are going to place these cards on sale in various parts of this county and believe that it will be of great benefit to us both. We have been citizens of Wise county for ten years and refer to those for whom we have done work as to our reliability and capability. Buy one of these card and save money.

DRS. FUNCHES & LEONARD,
D. D. M.

THE WISE COUNTY MESSENGER.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

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Friday, March 16, 1917

Most Widely Circulated Paper in Wise County.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

It can be done—wait and see.

Certainly, the governor will be exonerated!

Say, feller, it's time for Wise's favorite son to announce.

Bill Hanger, a prospective candidate for governor, is not doing his cause any good at this writing.

"Dad-gum the Messenger" remarked a professional whittler, as he ex-porated at a fly on the sidewalk.

Is it a fact that there are several speeding and muffler cases on the city docket which are becoming hoary with age?

Judge Chas. F. Spencer believes he can do good service as congressman from the new district—and so does the Messenger.

Six colored crapschooter sand, one speedster were taken in tow here Sunday by the officers. And, it was not an ideal Sunday!

Don't criticise an officer until you are willing to assist him in enforcing the law. An officer is powerless without the backing of the citizenship.

Gov. Ferguson stated the state banking laws are not made for the fellow who is smooth enough to evade them. That's Jim, our governor.

Presiding Elder Stuckey says he will support D. J. Moss for mayor. This preacher desires to see a progressive man at the head of the city government.

Messenger nominates J. Warren Lillard for alderman of ward 3. Progressive young business men are needed as councilmen. Give the old town a chance!

The fear of making somebody mad, or injuring his business or standing in the community as a politician will not deter Jack Moss from seeing that violators of the city's ordinances are brought to time. Do you want that kind of a man at the head of your city government?

Gov. Jimmie found formidable opposition at Ft. Worth Tuesday when a show horse became particular about who rode him. The governor mounted the steed in the show ring at the stock show before 5,000 people, and was thrown to the sawdust floor. No injuries resulted, however; but the governor forsook the role of a broncbuster.

There are several small boys constantly loafing around the streets and business houses who will suffer in later years owing to the character and habits they are forming under a very undesirable environment. The parents who allow their children to roam the streets day and night are guilty of criminal negligence.

Miss Galvie Stone has sent us a pressing invitation to come and wade into the sad sea waves with her during the press association meet in her town. Accepted, provided Jim Lowrey of Honey Grove is not on the costume committee. Jim is old timey, a stickler for obsolete things.

Claud Callan says a Wise county stockman's wife attended the stock show and, after "trying it on decided to take it." Doubtless, the brand dispensed during the show had a bad effect on our friend Callan. Moral: When calico appears silky and dresses take on the look of feeders' expositions, it's time to catch a taxi for home.

The investigation committee wasted a lot of money in that fiasco at Austin. Such wilful extravagance should be curbed! Why a committee at one hundred plunks per day for seven days, when a \$15-a-week reporter like the Record's Silliman Evans can clear away the charges and set free the accused in one day? How long is this wanton plundering of the state treasury to continue!

MT. ALEC IN ERUPTION

Our county judge over at Decatur has had his wages raised \$200 per year. He was only getting a measly \$150 a month, and just think, Mr. Tax-payer, of the amount of hard work he does, and the awful responsibilities of that office. Dick Collins weeps because that official only gets \$165 per month, and we are commanded to "weep with those who weep." Dick and the judge have our sympathy.—Chico Review.

The above from the think tank of Whitehead is proof positive that the gentleman is again in eruption. We have labored long arduously to set this fellow right concerning the officials of the county, and, up until the above bray was emitted, we were happy in the thought that he had seen the error of his way and renovation had set up. Verily, the burthen is greater than we can bear and we now surrender our tutorship and leave him to the roving bands of socialists. Whitehead has been in the wrong political pew all along; his ear protrude and betray him. But, Alec, just a word in parting: Judge Walker has qualified for the position and he has been endorsed by the people. He is holding his second term as chief magistrate of the Sublime County, and up to and including this good day, no charges have been registered against his ability to properly discharge the duties of the office. Then, Bro. Whitehead, isn't it within the "rule of reason" and right for this man to receive a salary in keeping with the wages paid other county officials? Why should Walker receive less than Allison; why should he not receive as much as was paid Terrell and other judges? Take something, Whitehead; you are dangerously sick. If the trouble is in your abdomen there's a chance. If it's in your head, you're a goner!

With Hill of Denton, Spencer of Montague and Bullock of Wichita in the running for congress at this stage of the game, what will we see, say, in three or four weeks. The plum is inviting.

What's the cat of that meat that a public official eats that makes his official acts sacred? Some fool men, after they land an office, hold they are above the people. Some of 'em want to eat alive the fellow who ventures a criticism. Such a meal has frequently proven nauseating to the eater.

Jack Moss is not the candidate of any faction or clique. He is the candidate of the people, who are paying taxes for protection against fire, and receiving none; he is the champion of the people who pay a street building tax while they jump gutters; he is the representative of the people who oppose open sewers and filthy allies. He can't be "bossed" by politicians and he does not regard the mayor's office as a stepping stone to higher political office.

Some startling "news" is coming out in the investigation of Jim Ferguson's dealings with the Temple State bank. The names of the late John Patterson, banking commissioner, and Mr. Austin, the present commissioner, have been mentioned in transactions that appear shady. If Patterson winked at Ferguson's violations of the state banking laws, it should check the movement now on foot to raise an imposing shaft over his grave, and Mr. Austin should be told to seek another job.

In his testimony before the investigating committee Monday, Gov. Ferguson said the courts were wrong in their decision that the grocery bill of the governor should not be paid out of state funds. Ex Farmer Jim also said in substance that a bank should not confine its loans to the limit required by the state banking laws so long as the loans were good. What kind of a man is this in the governor's chair who overrides the statutes safeguarding the deposits of the people, and pays his individual expenses out of state funds in the face of supreme court decisions? It's about time to put a bridle on Farmer Jimmie!

There is now a congressional re-districting bill before the legislature, the passage of which seems practically assured. The bill, if passed, will include in our district the counties of Montague, Cook, Denton, Wise, Jack, Young, Archer, Clay and Wichita. This will necessitate the election of a new congressman for our district, and the Enterprise has in mind the very man for the job; a man well known to the people of this judicial district and a man in whom, especially the people of Montague county, feel proud to claim as their own. This man is our present district judge, Charles F. Spencer. Judge Spencer came to Montague county from Wise county thirteen or fourteen years ago, being at that time about twenty-three years of age, and had just obtained license to practice law. He had been here but a short time until he was elected county attorney of Montague county. He served two years and was re-elected without opposition. After his four years service as county attorney he retired to the private practice of law and was employed in practically every important case that came up in Montague county. After two years in the practice he was elected district judge to succeed Judge Clem B. Potter of this judicial district, to which office he was elected to succeed himself, being now the present district judge, which high position he has filled with the dignity becoming the office, and with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. His legion of friends no doubt will urge him to enter the race for congress from the new district in case the bill creating the new district passes. As a political campaigner and stump speaker he has no superiors in the district, and if he runs, the people may expect a forceful discussion of all issues involved.—Montague Enterprise.

BATCH OF BUNCOMB

The following is another "batch" of buncomb from the hand of our friend, Alexander R. Whitehead, editor-in-chief of the Chico Review: "Our county commissioners are reminded that there are several thousand taxpayers in Wise county who do not get a reasonable compensation for the amount of work they do. Their wives and children toil day by day to keep the wolf from the door. The taking of their money for taxes leaves them without luxuries and sometimes without even the necessities of life. There is no effort to lighten their burdens and help them in any way, but the burden grows heavier every year. Great promises are made by office seekers, but when they get into office they vie with one another in raising salaries and doing things for their own benefit. Where will it end?"

We say, Whitehead, if affairs are in the fix you say they are, this county is up against it, and before the terms of Messrs. Splawn, Slover, Tibbets and Blackwell shall have expired we'll be between the devil and deep blue sea—broke, run down and raveled out. If the commissioners are grafters, if they are incompetent and ruled by designing politicians, the people should be informed, and it is your duty as a good citizen to bring the charges. Have you the proof? If so, you can rest assured the people will do the rest. Pending the arrival of your "proof", we'll label your stuff cheap buncomb.

Rather Remarkable.

"Now, that stenographer of mine."
"Yes?"
"She's a mysterious person."
"Why so?"
"She's been working for me six months and so far I haven't even found out what brand of gum she chews."



Making Life Pleasant.

"Surely you don't wish to be rich beyond the dreams of avarice?"
"Oh, no," replied Mr. Dubwaite, thoughtfully. "I'm not greedy by nature. I'd merely like to be rich enough to have a private physician who would play golf with me every day and let me beat the socks off him for fear of losing his job."

Mirrors Scarce in Japan.

It is only within a comparatively short time that the Japanese have known glass as Occidentals know it. When the first railways were built passengers in the coaches often put their heads through the glass, supposing the frames of the windows to be empty, and the railway companies at length pasted pictures on the glass to call attention to the fact that a solid substance was behind them. The masses of the Japanese today do not know the mirror as it is known in the West. The richer people have one mirror, indeed, but usually the glass used in the mirrors sold to the populace is not quick-silvered, being merely well polished. As for cut glass, it is practically unknown in Japan, and glass drinking cups are rare.

VALUABLE AS GREEN FODDER

Opinion of Growers of Sudan Grass Is That It Will Largely Take Place of Millet and Sorghum.

Most of the earlier accounts of Sudan grass failed to make clear that this new crop is nothing more or less than a fine-stemmed, nonsacharine sorghum. It has most of the characteristics of the ordinary sorghum, and its requirements as regards soil and climate are similar except that the Sudan grass differs from sorghums by maturing earlier and having such fine stems that it is readily cured into hay.

Experiments made at the Kentucky state station in 1915 produced a crop of eight tons per acre of dry hay in



Sudan Grass in Texas.

two cuttings. This exceptionally high yield was made possible by unusually fertile soil and good culture. The plots were drilled about the middle of May, using 20 to 25 pounds of seed to the acre, seeded with an ordinary grain drill.

The first crop was cut when the Sudan grass was fully headed, and the second crop in time to avoid the first frost.

Where Sudan grass has been grown for two or three years it is the opinion of the growers that it will largely take the place of millet and sorghum for fodder purposes, and also be valuable as a green fodder to cut for supplementing pasture.

SELECTION OF CHOICE SEED

Crops Don't "Run Out," Say Experts at Ames—Fanning and Grading Are of Importance.

The old idea that farm crops "run out" may safely be looked upon as a humbug, say the farm crops men at the Iowa experiment station at Ames; that is, if reasonable care is given to the selection of good seed and proper methods of soil culture each year. Under careless management, of course, crops will deteriorate the same as animals or men.

If, due to careless handling, farm crops do run down or "run out," the best thing to do is to run them out. Dispose of the poor stuff and make a fresh start with good seed from the farm of a thrifty neighbor. Then keep the seed good.

With tests of hundreds of varieties of different classes of crops at the experiment station at Ontario, Canada, Ames and other places, where reasonable attention was given to fanning and grading seed each year, cases of "run out" are practically unknown. This has also been the case on all well-managed farms, also.

With proper management and normal conditions the seed grown on the farm should always be the best seed for that farm.

LITMUS PAPER FOR TESTING

Easy Matter for Farmer to Ascertain If Soils Are Acid—How Operation is Performed.

Have you tested your soil for acidity? Just a few cents' worth of blue litmus paper will enable each farmer to determine whether his soil needs lime now. One of the easiest methods of testing is pointed out by M. A. Bachtell of the Agricultural college extension service, Ohio State university, is to go into a field when the soil is moist, insert a knife blade into the under layer of soil and place a strip of the litmus paper in the opening made by the blade. Then press the soil firmly together on the paper and let stand for 20 minutes. Then remove the paper and notice its appearance. If delicate streaks of red are found on the paper, lime should be applied to correct the acidity. Ordinarily from two to four tons of ground limestone will neutralize the acids in soil.

FEEDING HOGS IN THE FIELD

Rape, Alfalfa and Clover Furnish Ideal Combination—Keep Tankage in Self-Feeder.

A cornfield with rape either in the field or along one side and alfalfa or clover patch on the other side is the most ideal combination imaginable for feeding hogs in the field. In the absence of complete supplement of this kind put in a self-feeder and keep tankage or meat meal in it. The pigs will eat what they need and can use to advantage, and no more.

OUR OCCUPATION IS SELLING PURE DRUGS
THERE ARE IN THESE UNITED STATES
2,810 AUCTIONEERS
2,810 MALES
3 FEMALES
GOING, GOING, GONE

We Have Never Had Occasion

To employ an Auctioneer in order to sell goods. Our stock contains those things that the people need and must have. The quality is right, and our prices are as low as can be made. While our goods are constantly going, others are constantly arriving, so that we are always prepared to supply your needs.

This Is a Bid For Your Patronage

C. B. GUNN, The Old Reliable Druggist
Both Phones - - No. 26

Dawn of Spring



The Melton Millinery Co. announce the arrival of the very latest styles in Spring and Summer millinery; something new and different, the 'last word' in millinery art. A Style show equipments displayed at

Melton Millinery Co.

"If it's new it's here."
WEST SIDE SQUARE, N. E. DECATUR

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TEXAS PORTLAND CEMENT CO. DALLAS-HOUSTON

LONG STAR BRAND

MAINTAIN YOUR HEALTH

AND A LONG STAR SEPTIC TANK

Typhoid Fever is often caused by drinking water contaminated by the out-door privy. CONCRETE SEPTIC TANKS ARE THE ONLY SUBSTITUTE.

Build one and render your family immune to typhoid, dysentery and kindred diseases.

Our method of building makes the Septic Tank a land-fertilizer—gives you an indoor toilet, bath and kitchen sink.

—without it your home is not modern—your health is not safe.

Easy to build—you can do it yourself at little expense.

Send for our FREE bulletin— "CONCRETE SEPTIC TANKS"

TEXAS PORTLAND CEMENT CO. DALLAS-HOUSTON

Cicero Smith Lumber Company

Colds

should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneumonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to a cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of

THE DRAUGHT

the old reliable, vegetable liver powder.

Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of Madison Heights, Va., says: "I have been using Thedford's Black-Draught for stomach troubles, indigestion, and colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I ever used. It makes an old man feel like a young one." Insist on Thedford's, the original and genuine. E-67

THE TOWN MERCHANT

can reach his rural customers over his Bell Telephone as easily as if they lived next door.

He doesn't have to wait for them to come to town to get his order.

Progressive merchants go to their customers by Bell Telephone.

THE SOUTH-WESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE COMPANY

B-11

"Clean Up the Bowels and Keep Them Clean"

There are many remedies to be had for constipation, but the difficulty is to procure one that acts without violence. A remedy that does not perform by force what should be accomplished by persuasion is Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets. After using them, Mr. N. A. Waddell, 315 Washington St., Waco, Tex., says:

"Almost all my life I have been troubled with constipation, and have tried many remedies, all of which seemed to cause pain without giving much relief. I finally tried Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets and found them excellent. Their action is pleasant and mild, and their chocolate taste makes them easy to take. I am more than glad to recommend them."

"Clean up the bowels and keep them clean," is the advice of all physicians, because they realize the danger resulting from habitual constipation. Do not delay too long, but begin proper curative measures.

Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets are a new remedy for this old complaint, and a great improvement over the cathartics you have been using in the past. They taste like candy and work like a charm. A trial will convince you.

Dr. Miles' Laxative Tablets are sold by all druggists, at 25 cents a box containing 25 doses. If not found satisfactory after trial, return the box to your druggist and he will return your money. 12 MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

J. M. FARRELL

Graduate Veterinarian

Examination Free at Office

Office at DECATUR DRUG CO.
Day—Both phones 23; Night—S W 209

RULES FOR A LONG LIFE

They Are Simple and Can Be Followed by All, Says a Magazine Writer.

There is no panacea that will bring long life to every user. "What is one man's meat is another man's poison." But a few rules are applicable to everyone, declares a writer in the World's Work.

Be moderate in everything. Excess in eating, drinking, in anything tends to bring old age.

Be faithful in your exercise and be sure to choose an exercise that is helpful.

Stand and sit erect and use your lungs.

Keep your teeth and gums and throat clean. The mouth is the principal part of entry for undesirable immigrant micro-organisms.

Be careful to maintain the bowel functions. The digestive tract is a favorite abiding place for hordes of marauding bacteria.

Have your body occasionally examined. The physician will take notice of what is wrong and will advise you accordingly. And let him do the worrying. Fortunately, the exact condition of the organs of the body can usually be seen by physicians, even when they are but slightly off normal.

Be happy. Do not worry; do not allow yourself to become a grouch; do not "get mad." Remember that psychologists now contend that you do not clench your hands because you are angry. You are angry because you clench your hands. So do not clench them.

Act happy, and you will become so. Act young, and you will become so.

OLD VOLCANO IS DISCOVERED

Exploring Party in the Philippine Islands Adds Another Spouter to the Maps.

The Philippine Islands still are unexplored land to the white man. On a march some time ago, a lieutenant of the constabulary found a lava flow and other evidences of volcanic activity at the base of the Ragang mountains. Recently an exploring party climbed the mountains and now another volcano is being added to the maps.

The volcano which the party found consists of three peaks between which extends the crater, now quiet. A fourth peak is thought once to have stood at one corner of the crater, for there is evidence that a great explosion shattered it.

Vegetation in the form of huckleberry bushes, scrubby trees, small tufts of short grass and Canadian thistle extends to near the top of the peaks. Covering the peaks is a thin crust of hardened lava which is easily kicked up by the shoe, and the rock underneath is soft, spongy and warm.

At innumerable vents an odorless steam was issuing. There was no bubbling lava or signs of a recent lava flow, although on one side there appeared to have been a recent blast of hot gases. The trees there were scorched and burned, while the leaves were still hanging to the dead branches.—Kansas City Times.

When Children Hike.

A certain hill in one of the suburbs has afforded opportunity for such fine coasting within the last few days that many of the grown-ups have joined with the children in the sport.

One couple in particular attracted much attention.

The man must have been sixty, but the brightness of his eye and the buoyancy of his general demeanor gave the lie to his white hair.

The woman was also the picture of vivacity, although her age was close to that of the man.

Everyone on the hill seemed to enjoy watching these two, as together they drew their sled to the top, and starting with the rest, slid to the bottom in a whirl of delight.

Everybody laughed when the woman said to her husband, in mock consternation:

"Oh, Jim, now we'll have to go home."

"Why?" Jim inquired.

"Because," smiled the wife, "I just heard the curfew blow."—Youngstown Telegram.

The Girl's Suggestion.

An old gentleman walked up to the pretty girl attendant at the counter of a daily newspaper office a few days ago and said:

"Miss, I would like to get copies of your paper for a week back."

"You had better get a porous plaster," she abstractedly replied. "You got them just across the street."—New York Globe.

Ready Response.

"I'm seein' America first," said the tramp at the door. "Could you assist me in me travels, mum?"

"Certainly," answered the kindly housewife. "My husband is an automobile enthusiast and has dozens of road maps. You are quite welcome to one of them."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS

At the Close of Business Mar. 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 201,740 20
Loans, real estate.....	2,888 50
Overdrafts.....	383 70
Furniture and fixtures.....	3,600 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	\$ 44 900 78
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	129 60
Cash items.....	607 09
Currency.....	7,385 00
Specie.....	2,353 95
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,384 77
Other resources.....	341 02
Total.....	\$ 265,714 61

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	3,576 82
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	16,167 65
Individual deposits subject to check.....	183,235 98
Time certificates of deposit.....	7,505 00
Cashier's checks.....	229 16
Total.....	\$ 265,714 61

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. Guinn Williams, President; E. P. Gibson, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Mar., 1917. C. T. Gettys, Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

Correct attest: J. H. Mecaskey, J. A. Simmons, A. Y. Leslie, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Continental State Bank

BOYD TEXAS

At the close of business, Mar. 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$ 72,146 01
Overdrafts.....	32 85
Real estate (b'king house).....	2,200 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,800 00
Due from approved reserve ag'ts net.....	\$ 33 423 90
Due from banks and bankers subject to check, net.....	9,948 69
Cash items.....	343 00
Currency.....	6,640 00
Specie.....	1,093 91
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,353 90
TOTAL.....	129,282 26

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	10,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	2,080 59
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	102,038 07
Time certificates of deposit.....	5,133 00
Cashier's checks.....	30 60
TOTAL.....	129,282 26

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, W. M. Koonce, as president, and W. P. Cook as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. W. M. Koonce, President, W. P. Cook, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 12th day of Mar., 1917. J. S. Procter, Notary Public, Wise County Texas.

Correct—Attest: W. P. Cook, G. A. Arrington, W. M. Koonce, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

NEWARK, TEXAS

At the Close of Business Mar. 5, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts.....	\$ 30,117 27
Loans, real estate.....	400 00
Overdrafts.....	23 15
Ass'nment for g'ty fund.....	5 98
Real estate, banking house.....	1,200 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	668 85
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	5,772 48
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check, net.....	1,090 00
Currency.....	2,803 00
Specie.....	1,072 08
Int. in depositors' guaranty fund.....	209 45
Total.....	\$ 43,453 26

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	2,500 00
Undivided profits, net.....	1,424 15
Individual deposits subject to check.....	29,448 59
Cashier's checks.....	80 52
Total.....	\$ 43,453 26

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, R. A. Hudson as president, and W. H. Doyle as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief. R. A. Hudson, President; W. H. Doyle, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Mar. 1917. J. S. Procter, Notary Public Wise county, Texas.

Correct attest: M. H. Harmon, G. W. Duke, W. M. Koonce, Directors.

Poultry Feeding

The problems of poultry feeding require good judgment and keen observation. Hens fed for egg production should have foods high in the food elements. Those fed in the fattening pens should have the foods which most economically produce fat. The best ration, then, is the one which supplies most economically the food requirements of the bird for the purpose for which it is kept.

SHOOTING FISH IN GUIANA

Native Indians Still Adhere to Use of Bows and Arrows in This Sport.

Although the Guiana Indians all use guns for hunting game, they still adhere to bows and arrows for killing fish, and employ blow-guns and wourali—poisoned darts—for securing birds and small animals. The bows are usually of letterwood, about five feet in length, and very powerful. The arrows vary according to the purpose for which they are designed; but all are long—from five to six feet—with shafts of arrow-cane and a shank of hardwood fitted at one end. This piece is tipped by a steel point or head which is fixed immovably if the arrow is for shooting birds or small fish; or, if used for killing turtle and large fish, is equipped with a socketed head, attached to a long, strong, cotton line. When a large fish is struck, the shaft floats free from the socketed head, which acts as a toggle, and turns at right angles when a strain is put on the line. By means of this harpoon-like arrangement the fish or turtle is hauled in. Neither fish nor turtle arrows are feathered, but those used in hunting birds are provided with two feathers which seem far too small to serve any useful purpose. With these simple weapons the Indians creep along the rocky edges of the streams and eddies and with marvelous dexterity shoot the fish which only their hawklike eyes can discern deep beneath the surface. Naked, save for a lap, or loin-cloth, the hunter stands motionless as a statue, with drawn bow and poised arrow, and, if no fish are visible within range, he "calls them" by a peculiar beckoning motion of his hand and a low whistle. Whether or not the fish actually respond to this command I cannot say, but the Indians affirm that they do, and, when this method fails, the savages resort to attracting the fish within range by throwing certain pods and seeds into the water.—A. Hyatt Verrill in Harper's Magazine.

OWL IS DAYLIGHT COWARD

But He Is One of the Most Dangerous of Birds to Be Encountered at Night.

There are about two hundred kinds of owls. Some are tiny owls; some are big eagle owls, 28 inches in length, very fierce and strong, ready to attack a man who goes near, able to kill fawns and large game birds and to do battle with the golden eagle. The courage of one of these golden owls deserts it in the daytime, and then little birds, led by a crow, may find it and drive it into the open and tease and worry it without danger to themselves. But when night comes, and the bird can see, only a mighty eagle dare do battle with it.

The hawk owl is one of the owls which work by day. It is big and strong and savage. There are owls with great ear tufts of feathers and owls with none at all. Some are snowy white; others are mottled. Some live in holes in the ground with prairie dogs and such animals, some make burrows for themselves. But most owls live in hollow trees or in church bellies or other high towers. Among so many kinds of owls there are some of course that do more good for men than evil.

Troubles of Wives.

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes of Canada said at a dinner in New York:

"The wife of a Canadian soldier and the wife of a South African soldier met in a London boarding house.

"It's very hard for us poor married women in South Africa," the latter said. "I live with my husband on an ostrich farm, and it's nothing at all for him to be away two whole days at a time on an ostrich."

"Bum! What of that?" said the Canadian woman. "My husband is often away two whole weeks at a time on a lark."

Didn't Give Him the Chance.

Schopenhauer, when staying in Geneva used to go every day to a table d'hotel at which now and then appeared other distinguished visitors. Once Lady Byron sat next to him.

"Doctor," said the host after she had left, with a twinkle in his eye, "doctor, do you know who sat next to you at the table today? It was Lady Byron."

"Why the deuce did you not tell me this before?" replied Schopenhauer. "I should have liked to be rude to her."

"That was what I feared," said the host.—Exchange.

Don't Delay Helping Others.

To do the right thing a little late, has much the same result as if one did the wrong thing. A letter of sympathy delayed several months, means very little to the recipient. An offer of helpfulness coming when your friend has struggled through the worst of her difficulties calls out very little gratitude. Sometimes a delay of five minutes will spoil a piece of helpfulness as completely as if it had been postponed for years. Learn to do the right thing at the right time.

Strange Malady.

Sponge divers in the Mediterranean are often afflicted by a severe paralysis which makes them crippled when in their native element, but is said to disappear entirely when the victim again dives to the sponge beds, a circumstance enabling many apparently disabled men to remain productive and useful members of the communities.

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His Majesty

Writers who praise very justly the crews of those thousands of steam trawlers and drifters which are now auxiliary to the British navy have generally ignored an indispensable part of each vessel's complement, the ship's dog. This neglect may be due to a predisposition of landmen, who are accustomed to look upon the dog as a noble animal; and there is nothing noble about the ship's dog—externally, at all events. Appearances are against him. So far from his being a gentleman, he is, like Launce's dog Crab in the "Two Gentlemen of Verona," outside the pale of canine culture. In short, he is "an unmitigated bounder," and the worst of it is that he knows it and rejoices in it, says a writer in the London Times. "Cheek" is stamped upon his visage. To him there is not so very much difference between a kick and a kind word. Both are in the ordinary day's routine. The kick diverts his attention momentarily to someone else; the kind word increases his presumption beyond human endurance. Nothing in the world would make him order himself lowly and reverently toward his superiors.

Your sailor dog Crab is always a mongrel, partly because seafaring men love plain things and partly because he has strong "inards" and is never sick at sea. When his ship is returning to port he is the first to sight or rather to sniff the land. He is on the lookout in the bow among the ropes and chains, whose running coils he has learned dexterously to evade. His nostrils dilate joyously at each whiff of stale fish from the quay and he raises aloft in the breeze a tail which in its day has obviously taken many strange craft in tow. His ears are cropped and his face is blotchy. If nature has manifestly intended him to be white the Devil takes a tar brush and puts an appropriate bar sinister across his left eye. On the other hand, if his parents had yearned for a jet-black chip of the old block, by a similar infernal intervention he will have tawny eyebrows, a soiled shirt front, and one white sock. His caricature of a face is what naturalists call "protective," for if you thrash him casually to ease your temper you laugh and pat him instantly because "he's such a rummy little beggar."

Crab never grumbles, and he is seldom out of health. When he is he chews oakum as a substitute for grass and thus regains an appetite which would flabbergast the Kennel club. He will gnaw a crust that has voyaged half around the world; he will heave in a yard of untearable gristle as if he had a windlass in his stomach; or, he will crush a dozen or two of the ship's cockroaches as though they were so many cracknels. He seldom sets foot on shore except when he is invited to follow the captain to the blue anchor of an evening. There lying amid sawdust and cuspidors, he grows intermittent approval of his master's opinions. Apart from a display of the rough-and-ready chivalry of the sea when he falls in with some canine belle of the town, he holds no acquaintance with his tribe ashore. His contempt is undisguised for those landlubber whelps who slink round butchers' shops or play the chit-fonier in refuse heaps. Just now he is beginning to lose his temper with dog shirkers, for he is convinced that he is "doing his bit" on the high seas; and his whiskers have the wry and salt look of a fellow who has chivied U-boats through the North sea spume. Clearly, by his countenance, he has resolved never to be taken prisoner. Should his ship go down in action he will be found, no doubt with his little cork jacket on, bidding defiance with a dying bark which hasn't got an "h" in it. Crab may be "a rummy little beggar," but he has a true British heart all the same, and, as he would say with his inimitable wink, "Don't you forget it!"

In an Old French City.

Pitts Sanborn, musical critic and war correspondent, has added another to these vocations—that of poet. After two war summers in Bordeaux, he has turned the life of that old city into free verse under a playful title that fairly laughs—"Vie de Bordeaux."

The little volume compels attention. Within its artistic covers is to be found comedy and tragedy—pictures of the human spirit drawn with fine irony. For a taste of Mr. Sanborn's skill note the compressions of the poem "Threnos" with its two brief lines reverberant with overtones.

As if to confound those critics who fulminate against free verse, Mr. Sanborn has slyly prefaced his volume with a sonnet—that highest form of unliberated verse, in which Bordeaux of today and of the past is enshrined in imperishable beauty.

Comprehensive.

"I understand you have bought a set of Shakespeare's works."

"Yes," replied Mr. Dubwaite loftily. "A complete set."

"And a glossary, too, I presume?"

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Arrive at Decatur	
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive	
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver — Leave	
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

Mrs. J. V. Patterson is visiting in Fort Worth.

B. M. Shoemaker and John Renshaw were among the stock show visitors.

Dr. Reeves was attending the stock show.

Miss Clotilde Davis has been on the sick list this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Moreland visited the stock show in Fort Worth.

All cleaning, pressing and alterations guaranteed at Walter Owens' tailor shop.

Capt. Tondy Lambert went down to the stock show Tuesday. He also saw Mr. Griffith's "Birth of A Nation."

T. E. Ponder is in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Halsell visited in Fort Worth.

W. O. Bailey and wife, Hugh Greer and wife, Hubert Long and wife and Miss Bess Coleman were among the many from Decatur who saw the "Birth of A Nation" in Ft. Worth.

All kinds of cold drinks at the City Bakery in Melton building.

The county board of education will meet in Decatur next Thursday. L. C. Cunningham, rural school inspector, will be preseat and address the board.

Clabe Timmons of Amarillo, was here visiting relatives.

Mrs. M. C. Maloney of Bridgeport, is the guest of the family of her son, Lory D. White.

Newton Barker, Burch Gregg and Bonnie Williams visited friends in Polytechnic last Sunday.

There has been no death in the Home Protective association since last November, hence no assessments have been made. This is a very unusual thing for the association, and many members have written to determine why the assessments were not coming regularly.

Ladies, my hats are now ready in all the newer shades. Come while your hat is here. West side square. Mrs. E. B. Melton.

Mrs. S. P. Smith returned this week from a visit in Alvord and Bowie.

M. A. Small and family left yesterday to make their home in Vernon.

R. M. Ash and family and Guy Ash and family left this week to make their home near Spur, where Mr. Ash has purchased a fine tract of land.

We buy anything on earth and sell everything we buy, at the Second Hand store.

S. G. Christat, who has been sick for several days, is out again.

Quite a number of citizens went to Fort Worth Tuesday evening to see "The Birth of A Nation."

Little Miss Kathrine Ruth Helm is visiting her grand parents, Judge and Mrs. H. H. Hambright.

Fresh cakes and pies every day at the City Bakery, next door to Decatur Drug Co., in Melton building.

Grover Belew is here from Bowie.

A Messenger representative had the pleasure of being a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ganey Plaxco in Fort Worth one evening this week. These splendid young people, former Decatur citizens, are happy and prosperous. Ganey is recognized as one of the most efficient and popular dealers in the stock market. He is attentive to his business and honorable in his dealings, assets that win. His charming wife is the daughter of Mrs. W. G. Standley of this city.

City bakery is now located in the Melton building, where you can get fresh cake and pies, and the famous "Mother's Bread."

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Brock Roach on Monday, March 12, 1917, a daughter.

City Marshal Evans raided a crap game on the northeast corner of town Sunday and arrested six negro crapshooters. Deputy Preskitt broke into a game at the fair park Monday and caught four crapshooters.

Mrs. L. C. Boyd is visiting relatives in Austin.

Mrs. E. G. Shubart of Dalhart, has been visiting her brother, E. W. Bass.

W. A. Brown was here Sunday from Bridgeport.

Marriage licenses: H. C. Stovall and Bessie Keeter; B. G. Greenwood and Rhoda Skinner; Sullivan Lewis and Mrs. Shannon Gardner, colored.

Have your furniture repaired at the Second Hand Store.

Contractors Lambert and Spain were awarded the contract for building the McMurray-Gettys building on the southwest corner of the square. Work will start immediately. Messrs. Lambert and Spain will look after the carpenter work, while Mr. Hibbs will superintend the brick work. All the gentlemen are well equipped to erect a handsome and substantial building. Walter Gilliland, expert plumber, was given the plumbing contract.

Dave Martin from New Mexico, was here this week visiting old friends. He had visited the Fort Worth stock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Greer visited in Fort Worth.

Let your cleaning and pressing be done at W. C. Owens' shop.

Two drunks were arrested on the streets here Sunday by Marshal Evans.

H. T. Magers of Alvord, was in yesterday and re-enlisted in the Messenger's army of readers.

Latest styles in spring suits displayed at W. C. Owens' tailor shop, North Side Square.

Goldie Rogers of Wellington, was here last Monday.

Aubrey Foster of Vernon, spent the day here Monday.

Claib Long and wife of Henrietta, and Mrs. Hiram Tannehill of Halsell, visited relatives here Sunday.

Perry Cates of Duncan, has been visiting relatives and old friends here this week.

Sid Ford was here from Denton first of the week.

Willard Duke and wife have returned from a stay in Detroit, Mich.

The Protheon Sunday School class of the Methodist church will hold an Easter market Friday afternoon, Apr. 6, at Lillard's hardware.

"Soda" Wolford was here this week from Bridgeport.

Get the 10c loaves of famous "Mother's Bread," made with milk by Frank Green, City Bakery, west side square.

Mrs. Roy Gilliland and children of Quanah, have been visiting the family of Judge Gose.

C. W. Anderson and family and McKinley Norman and wife visited Barleson Saturday.

Mrs. Robert Howard and children of Greenwood, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Campbell.

C. W. Murphree and daughter, Philo Mae, visited Alvarado Saturday.

C. E. Martin and family, Jack Cates and family, Jack Moss and family, J. H. Hogg and wife, Miss Cora Boyd, Mrs. W. A. Kerr and daughters, Pauline and Mildred, all spent Sunday in Bridgeport.

Jim Hardy of Paris, has been visiting the family of J. W. Barrett.

Holly Renshaw, Tully Terrell and Paul Payne left this week for New Mexico to file on land.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mann, on Tuesday, March 13, 1917, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson will entertain the married folks' forty-two club tonight at their home in East Decatur.

Mrs. Mahaley Shreaves, living north of Decatur fell and sustained a broken hip Tuesday. The accident occurred while the lady was walking in her yard. She is about 75 years of age, and the injury is a serious one, and will probably cripple the lady for life.

Tom Sewell, a former Decaturite who has resided in Mill Creek, Okla., for many years, was here this week.

E. L. Brandenburg is serving on the federal petit jury at Fort Worth.

Aviator Jay Ingram left recently for a trip to New York.

Mmes. W. M. Hughes, H. J. Mathews, J. L. Ward, J. G. Gose and W. A. Roberts are attending a Baptist mission meeting in Weatherford.

Jim Mecaskey is now undergoing treatment in a Fort Worth-sanitarium.

Mrs. Julia Tiley left Wednesday for a visit to her sister in Alden, Oklahoma.

There will be singing at New Salem next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. All classes are invited.

Misses Ida Shanks, Ora Moore and Faye Goodman attended the show, "The Birth of A Nation," in Fort Worth Tuesday evening.

Mrs. A. N. C. Bullard of Roswell, N. M., after a several months' visit with her daughter at Dallas, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. P. L. Jones.

Suits pressed 35c; suits cleaned and pressed \$1.00, at Walter Owen's tailor shop, North Side Square. Telephone No. 93.

Tom Cranfill of Greenwood, returned Wednesday from a stay in Glen Rose.

Buy a season ticket to the chautauqua, March 22-24.

Phone those notes to the Messenger, phone five naught.

A. C. Hoyl's car turned over near Elma switch Wednesday night while he was returning alone from Rhome. Mr. Hoyl sustained a severe cut on the leg and was badly bruised, but was not seriously injured.

Eidson Ass't Pastor Fort Worth Church

M. C. Eidson and family were here this week from Fort Worth. Mr. Eidson now holds the position of assistant pastor of the First Baptist church at Fort Worth, of which J. Frank Norris is pastor. He is singularly fitted for this kind of work and will prove a faithful member of the Norris corps of workers.

Baird-Wilson Show Pleasing Decaturites

The Baird & Wilson tent theatre has been playing to large crowds in Decatur this week. The plays are all good, and those attending have been highly entertained. The company is made up of players of rare talent, and the leading parts are exceptionally well-carried. Besides the splendid plays, the excellent music and vaudeville specialties have proven very entertaining.

Decatur people appreciate this show and are not sparing in complimentary remarks.

The company will close its engagement here Saturday night. A matinee performance will be given Saturday afternoon.

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Wanted

WANTED—Junk of all kinds; brass, metal, iron and rags; highest prices paid by W. Cohen, East Main street, Decatur.

WANTED—5000 pairs of old shoes to repair. Sewed soles if you want them. KIMBLE & RHOADS. Work guaranteed. Snyder Building, Decatur.

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FOR RENT—1 6-room house, close in. Apply to W. P. THURMOND.

Lost

LOST—Plaid overcoat. Left on courthouse fence, southwest corner, Feb. 10. Finder return to this office for reward.

Eggs for Hatching

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK eggs, 50c for 15. MRS. M. H. BELEY, Rt. 2, independent phone 51. (69)

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EGGS—Barred Plymouth Rock; pure bred; \$1.50 for 15. MRS. J. E. WILHITE, Greenwood. (68)

EGGS from beautiful White Wyandots; \$1.00 for 15 eggs. MRS. S. L. ATKINS, Paradise, Texas. (66)

For Sale

BINDER—Good as new. Big bargain. BOB CATES. (69)

100 bushels Rowden cottonseed for sale. J. E. WILHITE, Greenwood. (69)

FOR SALE—Black Percheron stallion. Will have him in Decatur Monday. JIM BOWLIN.

FOR SALE—Threshing machine in good running order. Will sell at a bargain. J. L. CHAPMAN, Decatur.

SURE CROPPER seed corn and Rowden cottonseed for sale. M. GREGG, Rt. 2. (69)

FOR SALE—Choice prairie hay. I also have a fresh milch cow to sell for cash or on time. C. V. TERRELL, S. W. phone. (59)

FOR SALE—One, two and three year old roses; different roses. MRS. W. P. THURMOND. (59)

FARMS for sale—Within two miles Decatur; easy terms. H. E. HALSELL.

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John McKey Died Saturday Afternoon

John McKey, aged 80 years, died at his home south of Decatur last Saturday afternoon. Funeral services and interment occurred at Sand Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mr. McKey had only recently moved from Alabama to the farm he purchased from Clyde McMurray, and was living with the family of his son. He was a highly respected gentleman, and had made friends readily since moving to this community.

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ARCTIC CIRCLE GIRL A DREAM

"Unspoiled Child of Alaska" Came
Fresh From a Chicago
Beaunery.

NEW YORK HAILED QUEEN

Beautiful Eighteen-Year-Old Maiden's
Triumph Harks Back to Kansas
City, Mo.—Laborer Claims Her
as His Daughter.

New York.—The swift trail over which Miss Louise Sachen had been "mushing" after her arrival in New York some time ago announcing she was from the wilds of Alaska, seeking the delights of civilization, slowed up materially a week later when "Nick" Sachen, laborer of Kansas City, Mo., claimed her as his daughter.

Far from being a placer miner in an ice-girded gulch, the man who says he is her father is an honest day workingman in Kansas City, where the only ice attainable comes from the refrigerating plant, and where the stockyards provide the chief touch of real nature.

He said that his daughter, Louise, had indeed been in Alaska. She had passed two years up there, he said, working in a boarding house and getting her exercise on the runways between kitchens and dining rooms and not the dog trails over the hills. Of "Jack" Maloney, the somewhat astonished Mr. Sachen said he had heard also. "Jack," according to this evidence, is a saloonkeeper in Fairbanks, Alaska, who gave Miss Sachen the diamonds she exhibits in New York, and whom, Mr. Sachen said earnestly, he advised her to marry "while the going was good."

Instead of matrimony, Miss Sachen chose to go to New York "to see the high buildings and big places," and she went, he says, as she can go any place "if she can raise the dough to bum around on."

Tips Herself to Papers.
When she blew into New York, Miss Sachen took a suite in the farthest north of one of the leading hotels. Not



Miss Sachen in Bear Skin Clothes.
many hours later a voice called up the city editor of one of the newspapers, and said:

"Registered at the hotel is a very pretty girl, daughter of a wealthy miner of Alaska, who has come out of the wilds for the first time since she was an infant. Her name is Miss Louise Sachen. Her views on the women of New York, the trolley cars which she is seeing for the first time, etc., should be interesting. She has bear-skin clothes in her trunk, gold nuggets in her handbag, and everything. Hurry, hurry, hurry!"

Whitefaced the star sob reporter slid down a brass pole and with one jump he was inside the hotel. Sure enough, there was Miss Sachen, a demure, pretty girl with soft brown eyes. And she had the bear-skin clothes and nuggets and everything.

The newspaper columns were opened to her not only the next morning, but every morning since. Then the heart interest geniuses of the evening papers flew to the hotel and begged for more interviews and photographs.

A day hadn't passed until morning mail of the unspoiled child of the frozen north had begun to mount higher than any stack of wheat a hard-working girl in a beaunery ever saw. There were letters from kindly men and women all over the city telling her that they had read of her and had seen her pictures in the newspapers and advising her "not to let the great dreadful city spoil her beautifully fresh views."

Every day the human-interest sharp who first had discovered her took her to theaters and to meals, his main thought being to keep rival literary artists and artists from finding her. Best and best he scored. Then Papa Sachen spelled the beans.

Her Dreams Shattered.
Her dreams of being a "lady among swell people" shattered, Miss Louise Sachen, who captivated New York by posing as "the queen of Alaska," admitted here that she could not "put it

across" in Chicago, where she got her inspiration.

When she went to Chicago from Kansas City, Miss Sachen said, she just "played the piano" and "ran downtown for the lady I was with, who was running a beauty parlor."

On her way down State street, said Miss Sachen, she envied the dazzling ladies of society who passed her in their limousines. She wanted furs like theirs and diamonds like they wore. So she took her savings, \$2,000, and left for New York, where her dreams were realized, until Nick Sachen, her father, of Kansas City, broke them up.

Miss Sachen was the 1917 sensation in New York. She "put it across," as she phrased it, on newspapers, society, and the jaded jinglers of the cabarets who welcomed her novelty and innocence as they would a fresh summer breeze.

They had laughed joyously when Miss Sachen, "the girl who grew up with sledge dogs and could mush the trail like an Eskimo," told them:

"Town Stacks Up Pretty Well."

"Daddy promised me I should see the States when I grew up. This town stacks up pretty well beside Kuyukuk."

"Queen of the snows," the writers dubbed the wondering young girl as they opened her eyes to the marvels of New York.

"What impresses you most in New York?" a reporter asked her.

"The women, of course," she had replied. "The vast number of pretty women who look like fairy pictures. But I am astonished at the way they rouge?"

"Do they not rouge in Alaska?" she was asked.

"Why paint roses in your cheeks when you can put them there by better means," the little "beauty of the frozen north" replied. "Out with us, now, when a woman wants a touch of red in her cheeks she goes out behind the dog sledge and takes a mush down the trail."

Pioneers in Alaska, she told the city nabobs who clustered about her and invited her to their homes, had given her the name of "Queen" when she was born. She was known by that name, she said, from Kuyukuk to Juneau.

Her name began to travel, and finally one day an immigrant Austrian janitor in Kansas City saw her picture in the paper.

"Why, shucks," he said. "That ain't no Alaska queen. That's my daughter."

"Sure, She's My Daughter."

When "Nick" Sachen was asked about Miss Sachen he said: "Louise? Sure, she's my daughter. She came home from Alaska last June. Been up there over two years workin' in boardin' houses, I believe. No, I don't know nothin' about Kuyukuk. She played the big towns for the best jobs, I guess."

"Diamond?" added the parent claimant, and there was a note of pride in his voice. "Yes, she sure has 'em. Got 'em savin' her wages, she said. 'Jack? Yes, I heard of him, too. Jack's hel' feller up there. He runs a saloon up in Alaska. I wanted her to marry him while the goin' was good, but she wouldn't promise to."

Last June, so Sachen says, his daughter wearied of Kansas City and yearned for wider fields.

"So," he added, "she bent it to Chicago, because she could get \$8 a week there. Now I seen all those pieces in the New York papers, but someone has got things twisted."

It was recounted to him that Louise spoke lovingly of her "dogs," who whirled her through the vastness of northern Alaska on her sled.

Knew Dogs All Right.

"She went as a witness in a dog case to court last summer," said the alleged parent.

Here a young man, who was listening impatiently to Sachen, indignantly announced that Miss Sachen's old friends didn't want to be called "sledge dogs," and added scornfully that when she went to court to testify in favor of a dog accused of biting a person, she "was all dolled up." She wore, among other things, some silk stockings, a bird of paradise feather and a white dress—"which was some short," ended the chronicler.

All of this, of course, is contrary to Miss Sachen. She said when she arrived here that she was a child of nature who knew naught of civilization save that garnered from fleeting trains as she sped to New York, and during a short pause in Kansas City, where she stayed with a half sister. She told of her log cabin, of the men-folks laboring in their chill tenthouse, and of "the spring clean-up" which gave her gold in "her poke" to come to New York.

Admits She Is Impostor.
With eyes reddened from weeping Miss Sachen admitted in the hotel that she was an impostor.

"Chicago was too wise for me," she wept, "but it was easy to 'put it across' here in New York. And I'd have kept it up, too, if pa hadn't 'spilled the beans' in Kansas City."

Miss Sachen said she got tired of being "just nobody" in Chicago. She had visited Alaska once with her aunt, and one day she mentioned Juneau and Fairbanks to a friend. She noticed it made a difference. Her other friends soon began calling her "the girl from Alaska."

Miss Sachen determined to be a real sensation. She took all her savings and "blew" into New York with a rush, and registered from Kuyukuk, Alaska.

Says She Is "Done" With Father.
When she was finally caught after her discovery, Miss Sachen had this to say of her father, Nick:

"And here's me makin' him an Alaska miner and stringin' gold nuggets around his neck, when he's only an owl watchman out there, and he throws me down. Well, I'm done with him. I'm goin' to keep on being the 'Girl from Alaska.' I don't care what happens."

"Just being Nick Sachen's daughter never got me nothin', and when I come here and said I was the daughter of an Alaska miner all the swell people of New York I never imagined would speak to me took me up and I had a chance to get some real money."

"Why, I was going to bring him here and make him my secretary. Now I suppose I got to go back to pushin' plugs."

"Pushin' plugs," Miss Sachen explained was the work of a telephone operator.

"A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"



Mrs. Diamond Brown became reconciled to her wealthy husband in a New York court through the efforts of their little curly-haired six-year-old daughter, Dudley.

Mrs. Brown, who is a native of Louisville, Ky., had been suing her husband for a separation, and for the custody of their little daughter.

While awaiting the hearing before Judge Cohan, little Dudley maneuvered the hands of her papa and mamma together and pulled them side by side until they were smiling into each other's faces. Smiles led to speech over the little girl's curly hair.

"Let's talk it over," said Mr. Brown, and Mrs. Brown consented.

And the little girl sobbed, "I want to be with both of you."

PIGG SAYS HE CAN'T STAND NAME LONGER

Portland, Ore.—James Averal Pigg of this city, is so sure that his name is a handicap to his life that he has asked the county court to change it. Mr. Pigg says in his petition that his name is a constant source of annoyance and humiliation both to him and his wife. He declares friends and others commenting on his cognomen have caused a nervous strain which he is unable to bear.

SOME FACTS ABOUT AFRICA

Every Eighth Person of the Population of the World Lives in the Dark Continent.

Nearly one-fourth of the earth's land surface is comprised within the continent of Africa. It is as far around the coast of Africa as it is around the world. Every eighth person of the world's population lives in the Dark Continent. The blacks double their number every 40 years and the whites every 80 years. There are 843 languages and dialects in use among the blacks of Africa. Only a few of the languages have been reduced to writing. Thirty-five years ago the export of cocoa from the Gold Coast amounted to \$20. Today is over \$8,000,000. The coal fields of Africa aggregate 800,000 square miles; its copper fields equal those of North America and Europe combined, and it has undeveloped iron ore amounting to five times that of North America. Africa has 40,000 miles of river and lake navigation, and water powers aggregating 90 times those of Niagara Falls.

If Africa had the same proportion of railroad mileage as the United States according to its size, it would have a million miles of track instead of the 25,000 miles now in operation. One area in Africa unoccupied by missionaries is three times the size of New England, a second would make four states like New York, a third would cover eight Iowas, and a fourth is 18 times the size of Ohio. Throughout Africa there is one missionary for every 133,000 souls.

Almost the entire continent is now under European flags. France has a colony in Africa 20 times the size of France itself. The British flag flies over a territory as large as the United States, and extends almost without interruption from the Cape to Cairo, a distance of 6,000 miles.—World Out-

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

W. B. Bowen, executor of the estate of W. H. Matthews, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said W. H. Matthews, deceased, numbered 1580 on the propate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said administration. You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for ten days in Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the April term, 1917, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the courthouse of said county, in the city of Decatur on the first Monday in April, 1917, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur, this 6th day of March, 1917. J. E. BOYD, Clerk County Court, Wise County. By Carl Faith, Deputy Clerk. J. Lee Mann, Sheriff, Wise County. (3-23)

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, in the district court Wise county, Texas, May 1917. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Wise, eight weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon unknown owners, Joseph Pennington and his unknown heirs, William W. Taylor and wife and Frances E. Taylor and their unknown heirs, W. L. Walker and wife, Lula Walker and their unknown heirs, the unknown heirs of Mary T. Meeks, deceased, J. Wesley Meeks and his unknown heirs, Samuel Foster and his unknown heirs whose residences are unknown, to be and appear before the district court, to be holden in and for the county of Wise at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Decatur, on the fourth Monday in May, 1917, the same being the 25th day said month, and the twelfth Monday after the first Monday in March, 1917, then and there to answer the petition of Edgar Kerr as plaintiff, filed in said court, on the 20th day of February, 1917, against unknown owners, Joseph Pennington and his unknown heirs, William W. Taylor and wife, Frances E. Taylor, and their unknown heirs, G. L. Walker and wife, Lula Walker, and their unknown heirs, the unknown heirs of Mary T. Meeks, deceased, J. Wesley Meeks and his unknown heirs, E. H. Baumgaertner, H. C. Roberts and wife, and Samuel Foster and his unknown heirs as defendants, said suit being numbered 4096, the nature of which demand is as follows to-wit: Plaintiff alleges that he is the owner in fee simple of 62 acres of the J. W. Hale survey in Wise county, Texas, described as follows: Beginning at the S W corner of said survey; thence north 45° E with south line of said survey 500' vrs to S W corner of J. W. Meeks' tract; thence 45° W parallel with W line of said survey 624' vrs to N W corner of said Meeks tract; thence S 45° W parallel with S line of said survey 607' vrs to W line of said survey; thence with W line of said survey as follows: S 62° E 83' varas, S 45° E 540' varas to the place of beginning. That on Sept. 1, 1916, plaintiff was and is now entitled to peaceable possession of said premises, and defendants unlawfully entered into and dispossessed him said premises and withholds possession thereof from him. Plaintiff further pleads that he and those under whom he claims were in peaceable adverse possession of said premises, cultivating, using and enjoying the same under deeds duly registered for more than five years; and that he and those under whom he claims were in peaceable and adverse possession of and using and cultivating said premises for more than ten years preceding Sept. 1, 1916. That by reason of said wrongful acts of defendants plaintiff has been damaged \$2,000, and that the reasonable rental value of said premises is \$200 per year. Plaintiff prays for citation to defendants for judgment for the title and possession of said premises, for writ of possession, for damages, rents and costs of suit and general special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, W. V. Cunningham, Clerk of the district court of Wise county. Given under my hand and seal of said court in Decatur, this 20th day of February, 1917. W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk District Court, Wise County, Texas. (4-20)

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Microscope Greatest Instrument for Saving of Human Life

By DR. SAMUEL C. DIXON
Commissioner of Health of Pennsylvania

No single invention has made possible greater saving of human life than the microscope. Its origin dates back to antiquity. There is every reason to believe that the ancients had some knowledge of the use of the single lens. The compound microscope was probably invented shortly after the middle ages. The Italians and the Dutch both claim the discovery.

These ancient microscopes were very crude instruments compared with those of today. They were, however, sufficiently powerful to reveal myriads of living things in the clear atmosphere as well as in a clear tumbler of water, but they left us to imagine a great unseen living world beyond the power of the instrument, and that is even so today with our most improved microscopes.

In the hands of scientists the microscope has revealed from time to time a teeming life of bacteria everywhere present. Some of these minute organisms are the friends and some the deadly foes of man. Vegetable, and indirectly animal life, depends upon their work.

Typhoid fever, tuberculosis, typhus fever, tetanus, and other diseases are the result of certain of these bacteria which can only be seen by the aid of the microscope. There is evidence, but as yet no positive proof, that they are responsible for many other diseases, the etiology of which is yet unknown.

An army of scientific workers is today occupied in the study of bacteriology for the purpose of discovering the organisms that produce the different diseases, and then to push on with the idea of discovering that which would produce immunity or cure. This work is vital to the welfare of humanity.

There is a constant warfare between these little single-celled organisms and man. The bacteria have the advantage of reproducing themselves in untold numbers and of adapting themselves to different environments, and when the conditions surrounding them suit their existence they produce great epidemics of disease that man is unable to resist. The fight is an interesting one as man has already discovered how to combat successfully many diseases which for centuries baffled the skill of science.

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